

Resolution Concerning Life Membership for Rabbi Billy Dreskin

Adopted by the NFTY General Board
NFTY Convention 2005, Los Angeles, CA

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin was a participant in OVFTY (now NFTY-OV) Graduating in 1975; and

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin has been dedicated to the URJ camps since before his graduation, working at three of them, GUCI (CIT and staff from 1973-1977), Camp Coleman (Staff 1983), and has been a valued faculty member at Kutz Camp every summer from 1990 to the present; and

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin returns to KUTZ every year because he “loves the quality of the human being that goes there”; and

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin was active as faculty in the former NFTY-WF region, earning a regional life membership in the 1980's; and

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin went on to pursue a career as a Jewish professional, ordained from HUC-JIR in 1987 and is currently the Rabbi at Woodlands Community Temple in White Plains, NY; and

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin was a vocalist on the NFTY “HOLD FAST TO DREAMS CD” ©1984 and the NFTY “FIFTY YEARS CD” ©1989 as well as an editor of the NFTY’s FIFTY SONGBOOK ©1989; and

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin performs with a nationally renowned Jewish *tzedakah* musical collective, **BEGED KEFET**. They have three recordings on CD: *The First Album*, *Go Out in Joy* and *One Little Dot*; and

Whereas, Rabbi Billy Dreskin has demonstrated a strong and long-lasting commitment to Jewish youth and NFTY;

Therefore, Let it be Resolved That Rabbi Billy Dreskin is awarded with NFTY honorary Life Membership, the highest honor NFTY holds, in recognition of his timeless devotion to NFTY and the youth of the Reform Movement.

Resolution Concerning Life Membership for Cantor Ellen Dreskin

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin was an active participant in TOFTY (now NFTY-TOR) graduating in 1974; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin was at KUTZ for Torah Corps in 1973 and was on staff as an R.A. from 1974-1978; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin has been on faculty at KUTZ every summer from 1990 to the present; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin served as the KUTZ Faculty Coordinator this past year; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin has also served as faculty for many years at the Hava NaShira songleading conference and at URJ Summer Adult Kallot; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin has a Masters Degree in Jewish Communal Service from NYU and was ordained as a cantor in 1986 from HUC-JIR; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin was the first cantor to be appointed to a senior administrative position at HUC-JIR; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin is on the editorial committee for the Shireinu, the reform movements songbook used in NFTY and at KUTZ; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin is the director of programming for Synagogue 2000 (S2K), a national non-profit institute dedicated to modernizing synagogue life in North America; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin was a vocalist on the NFTY “HOLD FAST TO DREAMS CD” ©1984 and the NFTY “FIFTY YEARS CD” ©1989 as well as an editor of the NFTY’s FIFTY SONGBOOK ©1989; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin performs with a nationally renowned Jewish *tzedakah* musical collective, **BEGED KEFET**. They have three recordings on CD: *The First Album*, *Go Out in Joy* and *One Little Dot*; and

Whereas, Cantor Ellen Dreskin has illustrated an eternal commitment to Jewish music, NFTY, and the Reform Movement as a whole,

Therefore, Let it be Resolved that Cantor Ellen Dreskin is awarded with NFTY honorary Life Membership, the highest honor NFTY holds, in recognition of her timeless devotion to NFTY, and the youth of the Reform Movement.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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